

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ACCESSING GEOGRAPHIC-BASED DATA

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BACKGROUNDField of the Invention

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The present invention broadly relates to the field of electronic commerce and global network information management services, and particularly, to a system and method for creating a unified commercial real estate data model through collection, distribution and use of information in connection with commercial real estate and web-based information systems that facilitate the buying and selling of commercial real estate. More specifically, the present invention relates to a system and method for providing communication and analytical tools that interface with a commercial real estate database and support commercial real estate transactions between parties. These communication and analytical tools include: 1) a survey tool; 2) a commercial real estate transaction tool; 3) a tour scheduling tool; 4) an activity summary tool; 5) a tool for analyzing commercial real estate data; and 6) a map search tool.

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With respect to the map search tool, the present invention provides a system and method for providing, through a single integrated interface, remote access to integrated databases containing, for example, commercial real estate data, and for remote access to applications that